

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Simon Tullett et al.) Group Art Unit: 1792
Application No.: 10/585,142) Examiner: Frederick John Parker
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
THE APPLICATION OF POWDER)
MATERIAL TO SUBSTRATES)
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2010 the Office has required restriction between the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 82-113, drawn to apparatus for powder coating in which substrates are transported by an endless path of driven platens.

Group II: Claims 114-131, drawn to method for powder coating in which substrates are transported by an endless path of driven platens.

Group III: Claims 132-141, drawn to method and apparatus for powder coating in which substrates are arranged on pairs of upper and lower platens.

Group IV: Claims 142-151, drawn to method and apparatus wherein the platens are independently drivable.

Group V: Claims 152-154, drawn to a carriage structure.